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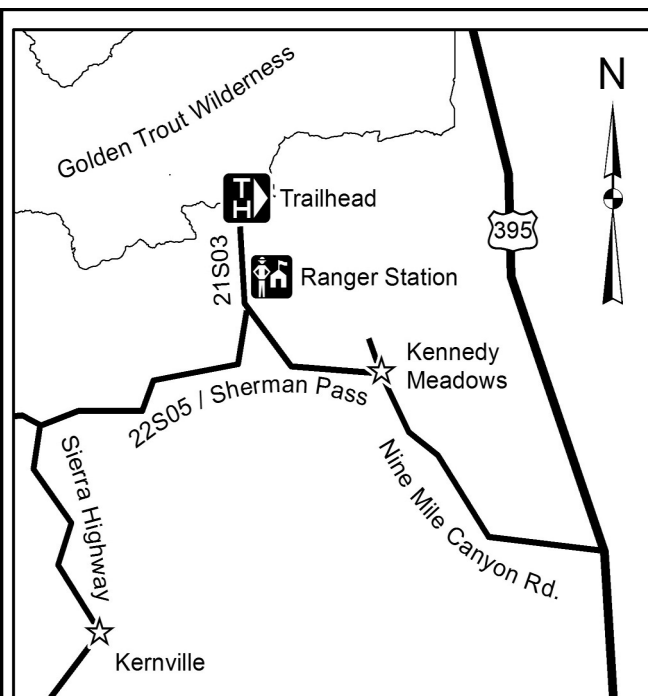
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Blackrock Trailhead

Blackrock Trailhead provides access to the southern portion of the Golden Trout Wilderness. The most popular trail from Blackrock Trailhead is the Blackrock to Kern River Trail, which leads to Jordan Hot Springs and the Kern River. The distance to the Kern River is 9.2 miles, with a significant loss of elevation. The hike back to the trailhead is long and uphill. In summer, the area may be quite hot during the day, and surprisingly cold at night.

In the Golden Trout Wilderness small streams meander through tree rimmed meadows. The area is named after California's brightly colored state fish. The golden trout (*Onchorhynchus mykiss aguabonita*) is a subspecies of rainbow trout that is native to this area.



Season:

The road is usually open from late May through October. The trail is usually snow free from late May through October. The area may be very hot at lower elevations. Night time temperatures may be quite cold, particularly at higher elevations.

Trailhead Facilities:

Water: Water may be available at Blackrock Information Station, located approximately 7 miles south of the trailhead.

Campgrounds: Walk-in campsites with outhouse, tent pads and corrals are located at the trailhead.

On The Trail:

Food Storage: Bear-resistant containers are recommended for storing food and trash.

Camping: Use existing campsites at least 100 feet from water. At Jordan Hot Springs, please camp at least 100 feet from the historic structures.

Human Waste: Bury human waste 6"-8" deep in soil, at least 100 feet from campsites, trails, and water.

Pets: Pets must be under control at all times.

Additional Regulations: Additional information is available at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/inyo>.

Permit Information:

Permits are required for overnight trips. Obtain permits at Blackrock Information Station, located 7 miles south of the trailhead, or at any Inyo National Forest visitor center.

For additional information call 760-876-6222, or visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/inyo>.

Access:

From US 395, 55 miles south of Lone Pine, CA, and 15 miles north of Ridgecrest, CA:

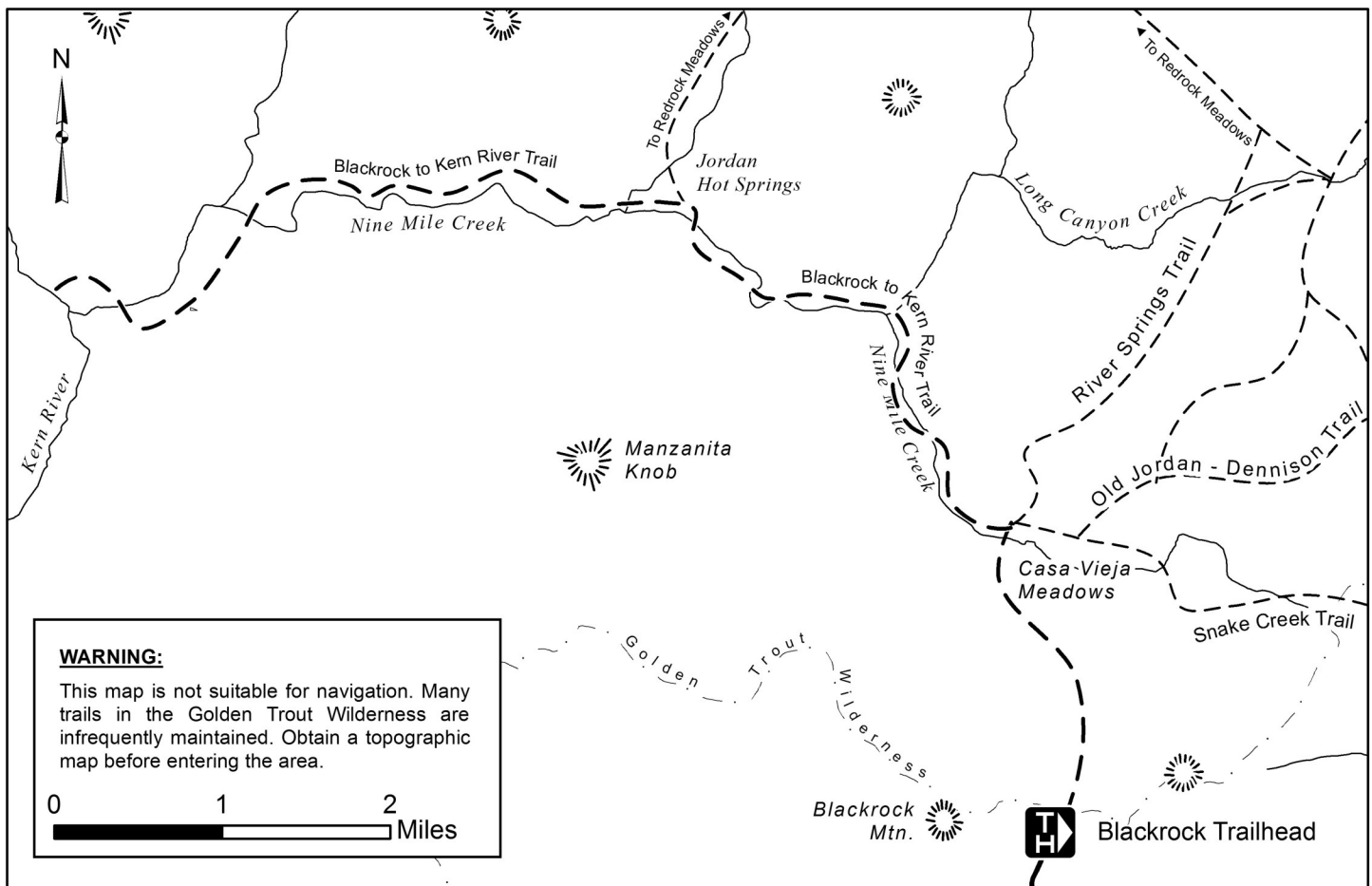
- Turn west onto 9 Mile Canyon Rd. Drive 24 miles to Kennedy Meadows.
- Turn left onto Forest Road 22S05/Sherman Pass Rd. Drive 13 miles.
- Turn right onto 21S03. Drive to the end of 21S03 (7 miles).

Blackrock Trailhead can also be reached from Kernville, CA. Travel north on Sierra Highway, then east on Sherman Pass Road, then north on 21S03.



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Blackrock to Kern River Trail

<u>Location</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elevation</u>
Blackrock Trailhead	0 miles	9,000 ft
Casa Vieja Meadows	2.0 miles	8,300 ft
Jordan Hot Springs	5.2 miles	6,600 ft
Kern River	9.2 miles	5,200 ft

Maps:

USGS Quad: Casa Vieja Meadows

Tom Harrison: Golden Trout Wilderness



Leave No Trace Principles

1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly.
4. Minimize use and impact of fires.
5. Respect wildlife.
6. Leave what you find.
7. Be considerate of other visitors.

Need more information?

On the web at:
www.fs.usda.gov/inyo

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